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W. R. & E. OFFERS 7-CENT CAR FARE ON ONE CONDITION

Will Make Reduction if Electric Company Can Have 10-Cent Rate.

PROPOSAL RESTS WITH UTILITIES COMMISSION

President Ham Believes Revenue of Former Could Be Re-Established Without Interference.

The Washington Railway and Elec-Company stands ready to reduc its rate of fare to 7 cents if the Public Utilities Commission will restore to the Potomac Electric Power Company the rate of 10 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity.

This announcement was made today by William F. Ham, joint presiden of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the power company This is the same proposal which Commissioner Oyster made to Congress last week as a means of giving the Washington Railway and Electric Company a fair return without continuing to give the Capital Traction many more than it needs.

Without a restoration of the tencent electric light rate the Washington Railway and Electric Company could not stand a reduction in the present car fare in September, Mr. Ham said. He estimated that a sevencent fare without a raise in the elec tric light rate would leave the Washington Railway and Electric Company with a return of only 2.9 per cent on the value of the railway property as found by the commission. Sees No Interference.

Mr. Ham believes the commission could restore the ten-cent light rate without interfering with the suit pending in the courts to determine the value of the power plant. He also is of the opinion that the commission could carry out Capt. Oyster's plan without disturbing the approximately \$2,000,000 now being held by the District Supreme Court pending a settlement of the power company's valuation.

e public has continued to pay into per kilowatt since 1917, when commission ordered the eight-cent. The company, however, has only allowed to use 3 cents, the court representing the difference be-in the two rates. Last year the integer impediated its order of 1917 Howing the power company to 3 % cents her kilowatt and turn sets into the power fund. fare on both systems with a 10-cent rate to the newer company would yield the Capital Traction Company 7 per cent on its valuation and give the Washington Hallway and Electric stockholders close to 6 per cent. Since the Washington Railway and Electric owns all of the stock of the power company the 16-cent light rate would meet the losses of the Washington Railway and Electric.

Readed Relief. At the present time," said Mr. Ham,

"At the present time," said Mr. Ham, "every time the people give the Washington Railway and Electric a dollar that it needs they have to give the Capital Traction a dollar it does not need. Under Capt. Oyster's plan the public could give the Washington Railway and Electric the relief it made through the mayor company. needs through the power company without continuing to give the Capi-tal Traction Company unsought reve-

Mr. Ham said that since the electric light inters have never ceased paying the livent rate, he does not believe they would object to the Oyster plan it it would bring with it a reduction in the fare.

Figures revealed by Mr. Ham today show that during the twelve months ended May 31 the Washington Railway and Electric Company lost 4,772,728 pay passengers and the Capital Traction Company suffered a reduction of 5,937,734 in the number of paypassengers. This made a total falling off on both lines during the year of 12,770,522.

In revenue, this reduction in traffie meant a loss to both companies
of \$1.045,000. Of that total the Washington Railway and Electric lost
\$354,000 and the Capital Traction
Company \$681,000.
During the twelve months ended
May 31 of this year the Washington
Railway and Electric carried 78,626,\$22 passengers, compared with 83,\$33,551 for the preceding twelve
manths.

During the twelve months ended May 31 last the Capital Traction Company hauled 72,281,550, as compared with \$1,219,344 for the preceding twalls.

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Mr. Ham's figures show that for the year ended April 30 the return to the washington. Railway and Electric amounted to \$6-10 per cent.

Although the Public Utilities Commission has met twice since the Federation of Citizens' Associations applied for a hearing to consider a reduction in the Capital Traction fare, the commission has not deemed it advisable to order the hearing now.

With Congress still considering legislation to solve the street car problem it is not likely the commission will offer a fare hearing before August, when it must consider what the fare shall be after September 1.

Today's News in Paragraphs

Striking seamen board ship and bear up the crew. Page Germans and Peles continue fighting in War risk bureau to reduce force of em-ployes by 900.

War risk bureau to reduce force of employee by 900.

Labor leaders are leaving for Denver to attend federation annual convention.

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Attention to cause rather than symptoms of disease advocated. Page 2

Harrison laude south's principles at Davis mansion dedication. Page 4 Mimic battle of court to be real aerial test, instructions reveal. Page 5

NORMALCY MUST AWAIT NATURAL READJUSTMENT

Government Cannot Force Reconstruction, Is Stand of Administration—Can Only Offer Guiding Hand.

President Harding is encountering the full force of the tidal wave which rises out of a distressed economic houses for new supplies. situation and mistakenly demands

situation and mistakenly demands that the government cure all business ills and restore the profits of bygone days.

The President told friends today that judging by the appeals for government aid many people imagined it possible for the executive and his administration by a wave of the hand ministration by a wave of the hand more time and thought to domestic out. America, he thinks, will recover from the shock of the European war just as she did from the civil war—in a natural and orderly way. Farmers' Big Problem.

It is the agricultural situation, however, which causes concern, for while the big industries can in a sense help themselves, the farmer needs to be financed and needs to have an export trade and at the same time must be protected in his home market.

All these different desires are the basis for the according agricultural All these different desires are the basis for the so-called agricultural bloc in Congress, composed of members of both parties, mostly from the west and south, who are able to put through Congress- practically any measure of relief that the farmers are trying administration loomed up as too great to resist and the carriers are trying to work out a program that will be agricultural group.

Meanwhile, the President himself recognizes that the chief trouble of the present moment in the economic situation is the fact that the profits of yesterday, out of which it might be possible for the American business man to recoup losses of today, are at inaccessible. Large portions of these than the profits of yesterday, out of which it might be here haranguing about tariff or the profits one to report seeing the body of Mrs. Weber in the woods, is the witness who, under close questioning at Mariphoro, seat of Prince Georges county, late last night, changed her story and told of seeing the two unstreams of the present moment in the economic set are not as bright as they were for an early cleaning up of legislation affecting business. The chances are that next fall Congress will still be here haranguing about tariff or taxes. Everything moves slowly in the profits of the carriers have been reluctant, but the power of the agricultural elements of the head also were seen to divide the money.

Mary Queen, a small colored girl, the first one to report seeing the body of Mrs. Weber in the woods, is the witness who, under close questioning at Mariboro, seat of Prince Georges county, late last night, changed her story and told of seeing the two unstructions are the prince for an early cleaning up of legislation and the prostation and

situation is the fact that the profits of yesterday, out of which it might be possible for the American business man to recoup losses of today, are inaccessible. Large portions of those profits have been paid into the Treasury of the United States as income taxes and have in turn been expended by the government.

Were it possible for the business people of America to have paid taxes over a period of years rather than over a single year as a unit, they would have been better able to finance

MANY AT STEEL PLANT

Operations May Cease Entirely

by July 1. Owing to a gradual slowing up of

with the more than 2,500 men em-

ON JURY COMMISSION.

J. Harry Cunningham Chosen by

Justices of Court.

J. Harry Cunningham has been se-

ected by the justices of the District

Supreme Court to serve as a member

of the jury commission for the next

three years. Mr. Cunningham succeeds Barry Bulkley, whose term of office expired. The new jury commissioner has taken oath and entered upon his duties.

The other vacancy on the commission due to the resignation of R. F.

sion, due to the resignation of B. F. Shaw, will be filled next week, it is expected. This appointee will serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Shaw. E. B. Eynou, ir., the third member of the commission has two more

CONCESSION TO STATES.

Equitable Disposal of Colorado River Water Proposed in Bill.

POLISH FLYER EXECUTED.

Lieut. Iwaniski Faces Firing Squad

for High Treason. WARSAW, June 4.-Lieut. Henry

Iwanicki of the Polish Flying Corps,

MAY LOSE JOBS SOON

RESTORATION OF LINCOLN

Every Effort Exerted.

the Harding administration has given more time and thought to domestic problems, and particularly business readjustment, than anything else, but even the folks in the administration admit that the tide of circumstances, over which no one in the government had control, is almost irresistible.

During the week President Harding broke a precedent in order to speed up one form of relief for American producers. By implication he suggested reductions in freight rates to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and found upon inquiry there that already the commission was trying to work out a program of voluntary reduction by the carriers of hurdensome rates.

Unless Fresh Orders Received Representative King Will Strive to Obtain House Action on

STATUE TO BE PUSHED

work at the Washington Steel and Lincoln to its former site in front of Ordnance Company at Giesboro point the courthouse may be acted upon by keep 3 /2 cents per kilowatt and turn 11/2 cents into the court fund.

It is Mr. Ham's belief that the commission esuld again exercise that right in September and allow the company to resume charging 16 cents. If this course were followed he believes the large amount already being the learn amount are likely to be thrown out of work between now and the first of July, lieves the large amount already being the control of the company to the courthouse may be acted upon by the House of Representative Monday. Representative King of Illinois, auction of a bill for this purpose. If this course were followed he believes the large amount already being today.

When interviewed by a representative which has been reported favorably by the committee on library, said today to the company today.

When interviewed by a representative of The Star, Corcoran Thom, president of the company, said that the committee on library, said today on the unanimous consent calendar. Should he fail to get the measure before the House in this way he will ask for a suspension of the rules in order that it may be considered. The statue has been in the custody of the office of public buildings and grounds since if was removed in December, 1919. It has been crated and is held in the government storehouse yard at 15th and C streets, just west of the bureau of engraving and printing. ployed two years ago the number at work now was between three and four hundred. four hundred.

"The work is fast being cleaned up," said Mr. Thom, "and unless fresh orders are forthcoming the chances are that the plant will shut down completely in a very short while. I cannot say for certain just how long it will take to finish work on hand, but it will probably be soon, maybe by July 1."

ing.
In a deficiency act passed in November, 1919, Congress appropriated \$23,ber, 1919, Congress appropriated \$23,445 for construction of walks around ber, 1919, Congress walks around 445 for construction of walks around the new courthouse and removal of the statue of the former President, but gave no directions as to what should be done with it. The office of public buildings and grounds considered it had an implied obligation wrotest it until Congress should dispatch the statue. to protect it until Congress should direct the final disposition of the statue.

PRESIDENT ON OUTING.

Goes With Party to Valley Forge Guest of Senator Knox.

The presidential party left the White House at 9:35 o'clock this morning for Valley Forge, Pa., where the President, Mrs. Harding, Brig. Gen. Sawyer, the family physician, and George B. Christian, ir., the President's secretary, will be the guests for the week end of Senator Knox at his country estate. They expect to be back at the White House before 5 colock Monday afternoon. back at the White House Defore belock Monday afternoon.
It was the intention of the party when they started out today to stop at the old Towpath Inn, at Conowingo, Pa., for lunch. They expect to former was attired in his golf suit for the trip.

Secretary Christian and Senator
Knox's secretary motored ahead to
make arrangements for the party
along the way.

Under a House bill introduced by Representative Mondell, Wyoming, republican leader, the consent of Congress would be given the states of Arisona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming to negotiate for equitable apportionment of the water supply of the Colorado river and its tributaries for irrigation development. Approval by the legislature of each state would be necessary to make it binding. Governors of the states named have appointed commissioners to negotiate the agreement and they recently asked President Harding to appoint a representative of the federal government. ACTED WITHIN ITS RIGHTS.

Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Upheld in Preventing Socialist Meetings. NEW YORK, June 4.- The appellate division of the supreme court decided

The socialists had asserted t

U. S. SELLS BALLOON CLOTH. convicted by court-martial of high treason in disposing of military secrets to British agents, was executed Friday by a firing equad at the famous Department for \$128,814, it was an warsaw citadel.

AUTOS, WITH STILLS TO MAKE GAS EN ROUTE, PREDICTED BY EDISON, JR.

BOSTON, June 4.—A prediction that automobiles within a few years would carry individual stills to produce fuel for their operation was made last night by Thomas A. Edi-

masing carburetion at the graduation exercises of the Knights of Columbus Automobile School, the son of the inventor said he had him-self been seeking a substitute for

gasoline for ten years. The problem would be solved, he said, by the manufacture of individual distilleries to be attached to cars, the stills to be operated by the heat and motion of the motor, and to produce from petroleum and other ingredients a combustible mixture supplied as constantly as current is generated by electric cars while in motion.

A car of average payer, in his opinion, could be equipped to produce sufficient fuel to run itself and enough by-products to pay for its main-

CONFESSES PART IN BRUTAL KILLING OF YOUNG MRS. WEBER

Seventeen-Year-Old **Blames Companion for** Actual Shooting.

AUTHORITIES DOUBT TRUTH OF ADMISSION

Alleged Accomplice Denies Part in Crime-Both Taken to Baltimore for Safekeeping.

James Dixon and Calvin Cousin, both married and senarated from his wife and the latter seventeen years old. were arrested early this morning and

and upon more commission was ut a program of voluntary ion by the carriers of hurdensome rates.

Incidentally, Mr. Harding seems to think that the days of horizontal increases in freight rates are about over and that the inequities of that system ought not to be repeated in any revision of freight rates.

Freight Adjustment Wanted.

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State's Attorney J. Wilson Rych deemed it advisable to have the prisoners taken to Baltimore for safe keeping, fearing there would be a demonstration made against them should it become known that they were accused of the murder, and more particularly if the came known that which stated has a woman residing near white Station that Mary Queen was displaying a nervousness suggestive of knowing something more of the murder than she had already told. The child was ill at ease, it was stated, and it was suggested that close questioning might obtain information which would bring a solution of the murder mystery.

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State's Attorney Ryon, Constable Garrison, Detective Dougherty and Policemen Wilson and Williams of the Silesia is reported to be considering bare.

Deeming it advisable to get her from her home, where the pressince of relatives and friends might interfered with their efforts, the officers took her to the county seat and proceeded to question her along the lines suggested. Twenty minutes' close questioning caused the child to weaken and begin the story of what she declared she actually witnessed.

Mary Queen, who had theretofore said she know nothing of the muruer and that she had seen no men in or near the woods the day she found Mrs. Weber's' body, told of having seen Dixon and Codsin carrying the body even telling her parents.

his home near Ardmore, a short dis two separated, while Dixon pass ed her and went in the direction of Huntsylle.

Second Man Incriminated. In his written confession Cousing ade it appear that he met Dixon at made it appear that he met Dixon at White station about 9 o'clock the morning of the murder, and ten minutes later, while Mrs. Weber was seated on a bench in the station waiting for a car, Dixon, displaying a revolver, took Mrs. Weber by her hand and demanded that she accompany him. Cousin said he was compelled to carry the bag Mrs. Weber had in her possession, the bag in which she had two dozen fresh eggs she was going to take to her aunt in Hyatts-ville.

Cousin said he carried the bag from Cousin said he carried the bag from the station to the woods. Mrs. Weber, he said, screamed when she saw the pistol pointed at her, and when she uttered a second ery in the woods, he said, Dixon threatened to blow out her brains if she did not keep quiet.

The youthful prisoner then told of the treatment of Mrs. Weber by both Dixon and himself. Dixon, he said, cut off Mrs. Weber's finger and took the ring. He said Dixon gave him only 50 cents, but Mary Queen said the money was about equally divided. Dixon, Cousin added in his confes

weber, the prisoner stated, made an authorise sion, took all the jewelry. Mrs. Weber, the prisoner stated, made an going, and himself, but did not put up much of a fight. Arrived in the woods, Dixon struck or pushed Mrs. Weber, Cousin said, and she fell in a sitting position. The assault and murder followed, Dixon firing the fatal shot, according to Cousin's confession. In Session All Night.

It was long after daybreak when the investigation at Mariboro was finished, and it was deemed best to take the prisoner to Baltimore. Accompanied by Constable Garrison, Deputy Sheriff Wells, Detective Dougherty and the state road police, the prisoners were taken to Baltimore in an automobile and placed in jail.

It was not until the prisoners were safe in jail in Baltimore or well on their way there that residents of Prince Georges county were told of the arrests and confession of one of the prisoners.

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Prince Georges county were told of the arrests and confession of one of the prisoners.

Mary Queen was questioned a number of times the days of the murder and several days following. Each time, however, she told substantially the same story. There was one resident of Columbia Park who persisted that Mary Queen-knew more than she had told. He talked to her and had told. He talked to her and had others question her, but it was not until last night that she finally changed her statement and told the story which resulted in landing the prisoners in iail.

Dixes Previously Cleared.

James Dixon was one of the first persons said to have been suspected of the murder. He was arrested on suspicion and locked up in the igil at Hyattsville four days. He was released when no evidence had been unearthed to connect, him with the crime. In addition to not testimony balls, obtained against him, it is



TO BATTLE POLES

Food Situation in Industrial

District Serious—Babies

Are Dying.

The British are gradually reinforce

ing their troops in the plebiscite,

Machine Guns on Roads

here, which point out that local clashes are bound to continue until the population is actually disarmed.

JAPAN NAVAL GARRISONS

TOKIO, June 3 .- The minister of

in the south Pacific, including the Is-

The action of the Japanese nav

authorities announced in the foregoing, was forecast in the Tokic press on May 1. The navy, the newspapers then stated, was preparing to withdraw the principal garrisons of the Pacific islands held by Japan under mandate and to place, these is

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witz has been burned.

THE RED MOTHER HUBBARD.

tin issued by Superintendent of chools John G. Gannon. The bulletin says that a "light rattan applied on the palm of the hand should suffice."
Compinints, concerning the form of corporal punishment used by some teachers were given as the reason for the issuance of the order.

lore Than Half of Number to Leave June 15, Rest at End of Month.

Reduction by 500 employes will be effound.

According to Chief Officer Henry Leon Lodge, temporarily in command of the ship in the absence of the masser. A young German was captured near this city yesterday and was beaten to death by the Poles.

The food situation in the industrial district near here is serious. There is no fresh meat and babies are dying because of lack of milk. No beer can be secured, and because of the insufficient coal supply lights are cut off at 8 o'clock at night.

Reads.

The number of Poles has noticeably increased during the last ten days. It Every cross road is occupied by them, and the insurgents are streaming across the country in large numbers. They are well armed and have planted and have planted and have planted to fight the allies, but they declare they will not surrender their guns unless the Germans disarm first. Efforts to establish a neutral zone between the Germans and Poles are considered futile in some authoritative sources here, which point out that local clashes are bound to continue until Officials in the director's office say that no hard and fast rule of seniority will be used in making the cuts, but every case will be considered in particu-lar.

GUATEMALA STUDENTS HOSTILE TO CHAMORRO FUSION WITH GERMANY

Demonstration in Front of Hotel Aimed at Recently Appointed Nicaragua Envoy to U. S.

GUATEMALA CITY, June 4 .- Gen.

WITHDRAWN FROM YAP Emiliano Chamorro, former President of Nicaragua, and recently appointed Nicaraguan minister to the United States, was given a hostile reception the navy, it was officially announced in front of the Grand Hotel here today, has ordered the withdrawal of vesterday by a group of students. He the naval garrisons from the islands was criticised sharply for his attitude toward Guatemala.

Disapproval of the demonstration has been given by the Guatemalan government.

Gen. Emiliano Chamorro, newly appointed Nicaraguan minister to the United States, was expected to arrive here in a few days and take charge of the Nicaraguan legation. He will relieve Dr. Alejandro Cesar, the present minister, who is going to visit France, Italy and Spain. Gen. Chamorro formerly was stationed here as minister.

GOES TO FORM ALLIANCE. Bumanian Minister in Jugoslavia

to Negotiate for Treaty. PARIS, June 4.- Take Jonescu, minster without portfolio in the Ru-

nania cabinet, will arrive in Belgrade loday for the purpose of negotiating an alliance between Rumania and Jugoslavia, says the Echo De Paris. Jugoslavia has already concluded such a treaty with Czechoslovakia and he impending negotiations, if suc-SVENGALI, TWELVE-FOOT STOWAWAY,

STRIKERS RAID SHIP AND BEAT UP CREW

was composed of seamen, fireroom men, and several engineers, since they were particularly anxious to get hold of the chief engineer of the Mitchell.

"Power boat of fifteen tons, red wheel house, large cabin, yellow smokestack, with black band. Name not visible."

BEING URGED ON HUNGARY

Pan-Germans Trying to Organize Movement-Favorable to

PARIS, June 4 .- Pan Germans are trying to organize in eastern Hungary a movement favorable to fusion with Germany, says a dispatch from Budapest to the Hungarian agency here. They are particularly active at Magyar-Ovar, sixteen miles southeast of Pressburg, where manifestations in favor of union with Germany have ccurred. Hungarian newspapers are declared

to be commenting prominently and hopefully regarding the petition of Hungarians to President Harding, Hungary by the Trianon treaty with the allies.

ACQUIT U-BOAT CAPTAIN. Declared Innocent in Sinking of

Hospital Ship Dover Castle.

LEIPSIC, June 4.—The formal acquittal of Lieut. Karl Neumann, charged with sinking the hospital ship Dover Castle while he was in command of a German submarine dur-ing the war, was announced today. When the case of Neumann came up on May 31 before the court trying those accused of war guilt the pro-

PROBABLY BOARDED VESSEL AT SEA

NEW YORK, June 4 .- Svengeli. a twelve-foot boa constructor. Bronx Park zoo today, apparently unmindful of the fact that to him went the honor of being the largest snake ever captured in Moboken.

Svengali was rudely disturbed from his slumbers on board the teamer Coppename when ship-wrights repairing the vessel tore suc-plants upon which he was reposing. The reptile was not down on the cargo list of the vessel, but grrived as a stowaway.

The theory was advanced that he crawled aboard through a porthole when a tree root upon which he was riding floated by the vessel, which had docked at a tropical port. Floods have been prevalent in the tropics and it was thought grengali was washed adrift when he took refuge on the root.

The boa was stunned by a fall caused when the Hoboken workmen tore away his resting place,

MANY PERSONS DIE IN FLOODS WHICH SWEEP COLORADO

TWO CENTS.

\$4,000,000 Damage in Pueblo-Hundreds Reported to Have Lost Their Lives.

LOSS RUNS INTO MILLIONS; **HEAVY RAINS CONTINUING**

Breaking Dikes and Weakened Dams Menace Many Places. Many Cattle Drowned.

by the Associated Press.

DENVER, Col., June 4.—First information that there had been loss of life at Pueblo when the Arkansas river went on a rampage there last night from railroad sources said there had been "considerable loss of life and property," while a telegram to the Denver Times contained a statement that hundreds of lives have been lost.

The Times announced it could not verify the report.

The dispatch to the Times said the deaths occurred in the Grove district, populated mainly by foreigners.

Residents of the quarter had been warned that the flood was coming, but did not leave their small frame and adobe houses in time to avoid the onrushing waters, the dispatch said.

Newspaper men in Denver who ware familiar with the location of the district were skeptical about such a heavy loss of life. They pointed out that there were many high hills near the quarter on which people might take refuge.

Marauders in Attack Swore to "Drive Everybody From American Vessels."

By the Associated Press.

NORFOLK, Va., June 4.—Striking seamen early this morning raided the American steamer Mitchell lying off Sewalls Point. Thirty men in the party boarded the ship, overpowered the guard and beat up fifteen members of the crew. They made their escape in a launch in which they came alongaide and headed in the direction of Newport News. Loss Runs Into Millions

escape in a launch in which they came alongside and headed in the direction of Newport News.

After their departure the wireless operator sent out a distress call and a savel relief party with a medical officer hurried to the Mitchell.

Eight members of the crew including the watchman, were badly wounded. The other seven had bruises. Police of Norfolk and Newport bews were given a description of the launch, and all piers and docks have been patrolled since without a trace of the boat or the strikers being found.

Colorado.

All wire communication out of Pueble has been cut off since last night. According to a message received at the offices of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company here from its operator at Larkspur, Col. water in the Union station at Pueble to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet is inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet is inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet, six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet, six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet, six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet, six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to three feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night.

reported burning early today, came messages telling of terrible havon wrought by the floods.

Early estimates of the damage in Pueblo alone fixed the figure at mora than \$4,000,000. The message re-

ceived from Larkspur gave the operator's opinion that there has been "considerable loss of life and property at Pueblc." Houses Are Swept Away.

At Frederick, Col., three feet of water in the main street was report-ed; at Greeley, Fort Collins and Loveed; at Greeley, Fort Collins and Love-land all wires were down and the towns were without electric power as the result of the flooding of the power plant at Loveland. Between Denver and Boulder a large area of farm land was inundated, with the damage estimated at \$100.000. Houses were swept away at La-fayette and hundreds of head of live stock were drowned when Coal creek went over its banks. At Marshall all night long the res-idents remained up and prepared to fiee, with bomb signals arranged, in fear that the great dam of the Farm-ers' Reservoir and Irrigation Com-pany, three miles above the town,

pany, three miles above the town, would break. The situation early today was:

Pueblo inundated and cut off from wire communication for hours Private news dispatches placed loss about \$4,000,000. \$4,000,000.

Marshall, a town of 200 inhabitants, threatened by a break in the Marshall Lake dam.

Louisville, inundated, several houses and other buildings washed away.

Loveland, dikes of lake broken and parts of town inundated; floods put and commission electric power plant.

out of commission electric power plant from which Weld county towns get their light and power. Cloudburst Starts Re

Cloudburst Starts Rampage.

A heavy rain began falling at Swallows, fifteen miles west of Pueblo, at 3 o'clock. Virtually no rain fell in the city itself, but 5 o'clock the Arkansas river had gone over its banks and by 10 p.m. every basement from the river to the heart of the business district had been flooded. People marconed in office buildings were removed by means of boats. At 11 o'clock the water was rights steadily and then suddenly the wires went down and Pueblo was isolated. Meager reports sifting in through small railroad-station towns between Denver and Pueblo express the fear that there had been considerable loss of life. No confirmation is possible, however.

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In Denver a heavy rain, mixed with bursts of hail, turned the streets into roaring torrents for a time late yenterday. The rain continued all night, but damage in Denver was slight.

Five feet of water was reported standing in the streets of Pueblo in a message early this morning.

A Western Union operator remained at his key in the Pueblo operating room, sending a news dispatch concerning the flood until the flood waters had crept should his ankles.

At Marshall the 200 inhabitants spent the night in their homes, fully dressed, ready to flee when a signal of bomb explosions gave warning that the dam had broken, releasing 800 acres of water sixty-three feet deep. The dam began to weaken yesterday afternoon, and efforts to leasen the strain on the structure by releasing some of the impounded water were rendered futile by the continued heavy (Centinued on Face 1